

National Patriotic Instruction

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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As this month's patriotic instruction reaches our members, many will already be making their way to Lexington, Kentucky for our Order's annual National Encampment. Here are a few key facts about the National Encampment, taken from the National Charter, Constitution, and Regulations:

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT?

"The supreme power and authority of the Order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War shall be vested in the National Encampment. To this end, no form of government shall be considered as legally established until the same has been submitted to and duly approved by the National Encampment."

"The National Encampment shall act as a final court of appeals from all orders, decisions and rulings of the Commander-in-Chief and the determination of such appeal at any meeting shall not be subject to review at any subsequent meeting."

WHO CAN ATTEND? VOTING DELEGATES INCLUDE . . .

"one delegate from each Department, whatever its membership, and one additional delegate for every twenty-five Brothers, or major fraction thereof in good standing, based upon the report next preceding the National Encampment."

"All Past Commanders-in-Chief, and Past Department Commanders, in good standing, who have served a full term, or having been elected to fill a vacancy, have served to the end of that term, and present Department Commanders."

"Its own elective officers."

"A Department Secretary or Treasurer holding office for ten consecutive years may have bestowed on him the rank of Past Department Commander with its voting privileges at the National Encampment."

In addition, any Brother in good standing may attend a National Encampment, whether a delegate or not, but only delegates may vote.

So, why not help conduct the business of the national organization and meet Brothers from around the country? I count many of them among my best of friends. *Come to the National Encampment and see what it's all about!*



In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

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